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## business briefs

Floral Arts in Lafayette Has New Owner

3594 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette (next to Douglass Design)

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The floral store was established in Lafayette more than 40 years ago and was managed by Sally Houston, the same owner, for 40 years. After a second person owned the store for a short while, Nese (pronounce Neshe) and Ed Ganch, a young couple from Walnut Creek, purchased the store and hope to stay as long as Houston. "I moved from Turkey years ago where I helped manage a linen family business," says Ganch. "I also worked in interior decoration and was looking for a flower business when Floral Arts, a business with a great reputation, became available in this lovely community." Ganch buys her seasonable flowers twice a week in San Francisco and has loved working with the lively and bright colors of the summer. "I am also looking forward to the fall colors to make our arrangements," she adds. About 70 percent of Floral Arts' business comes from fresh flower arrangements. Ganch hopes that customers that choose arrangements on the internet still leave the florist the freedom to use freshly picked flowers. "We will of course accommodate the colors or special flowers people want," she says. Floral Arts can also do large arrangements, such as for weddings. Ganch carries a nice selection of orchids and house plants and plans to expand her business with decorative objects. "In Turkey we produce lovely brass and copper decorative objects," she says. "I will slowly expand the business by adding imports from my country of origin."

Roger Poynts Moves to Moraga

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Poynts & Associates, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, just opened their new office in Moraga. "We were in Walnut Creek before in a larger office," says Poynts. "Given the state of our current economy, I decided to downsize and move closer to home. I've lived in Moraga for 25 years and have always commuted somewhere else to work. I will relish the shorter commute." Poynts & Associates specializes in surveying and mapping, community planning and civil engineering.

News from the three

Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Save the date for the Annual Art & Wine Festival: Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. Sponsorships available: Contact the Chamber for more information.

Moraga

Chamber BBQ at the Moraga Commons from 6 to 9 p.m. August 28.

Orinda

"Hot August Nights" Networking Mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 16 at Oak Spring Pool, 39 Spring Road, Orinda. Free.

Chamber Ribbon Cutting Event for Care Indeed at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 23, 61 Moraga Way #9, Orinda. For information, call Dee Bustos or Amrita Sanyal at (925) 317-3080.

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